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Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305) Food and Drug Administration 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, Maryland 20852

Re: Docket No. 98N-1038, Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food

I support the FDA in maintaining the current labeling law with the current terminology "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation", and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated whole foods.

I choose to avoid feeding my family irradiated food. By keeping the current required labeling requirements, the FDA would give me and millions of others the opportunity to make educated choices.

Please see that all labels are clear avoiding misleading terms like "pasteurization". Make all labels clearly visible on the food or clearly displayed with the food.

Thank you for protecting the consumer's "right to know".

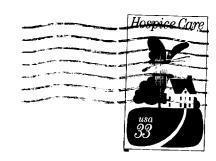
Sincerely,

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